Proposed Amendment and Interview Summary
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Examiner Shin:

In light of the interview on **16 December 2008**, please find the proposed amendment and an interview summary below.

Identification of Claims and Reference Discussed

Claim(s) for discussion: Claim 1

Reference(s) for discussion: LaMotta et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0126018, hereinafter "LaMotta"), in view of Sullivan (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0055754, hereinafter "Sullivan").

Applicant's Arguments

Neither LaMotta nor Sullivan discloses a tax service that is configured to receive tax rules and data in an XML (Extensible Markup Language) format or an EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) format, thus enabling a third party provider, a tax professional, or an end user to enter the tax rules and data in a machine readable format without requiring programming.

In contrast, embodiments of the present invention include a tax service that is configured to receive tax rules and data in an XML format or an EDI format, thus enabling a third party provider, a tax professional, or an end user to enter the tax rules and data in a machine readable format, without requiring

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programming (instant application, pars. [0038], [0055], and [0058]). The XML or EDI formats allows new jurisdictional rules to be implemented by merely loading additional data and rules in these formats (instant application, par. [0076]).

Proposed Amendment:

(Currently amended) An apparatus for determining taxes that is configurable for local jurisdictions, comprising:

a tax knowledge base, embodied in a computer system, wherein the tax knowledge base includes tax rate data pertaining to taxes in local jurisdictions;

an external tax service interface, embodied in a computer system, configured to interface to a third party tax service provider to perform tax computations for another local jurisdiction which is simultaneously applicable;

a tax rule base, embodied in a computer system, wherein the tax rule base includes one or more rules for applying taxes in local jurisdictions <u>and wherein the tax rule base is configured to receive tax rules and data in an XML (Extensible Markup Language) format or an EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) format, thus enabling a third party provider, a tax professional, or an end user to enter the tax rules and data in a machine readable format without requiring programming</u>; and

a tax determination manager, embodied in a computer system, that is configured to determine a tax for a transaction using the tax knowledge base and the tax rule base.

Outcome of Interview

Examiner will consider the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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